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of Lincoln got into trouble with a bill. The court threw it out because if it was good for a primary class city, it was also good for a metropolitan class city. Consequently, we covered anything above class 6 counties. As long as you do it that way it's perfectly OK.

SENATOR SYAS: I'm sure anxious to see the Attorney General's opinion on this one.

SENATOR GOODRICH: It's being written.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, with all due respect to Senator Goodrich, this is one of the most pernicious bills that has come before this Legislature. I think the entire state should be included out. A drivers license is something that should be uniform throughout the state because it should be the same thing to each individual. A drivers license is granted by the state to allow you, under certain conditions, to operate a motor vehicle on the public streets and highways. Now to encumber a drivers license with a piece of identification for the convenience of the police officers is totally unjustifiable. It is entirely inconsistent with the principles upon which this country supposedly was founded, namely undue governmental interference or regulations should be avoided at all cost. A drivers license is not a piece of identification. A hunting license might more effectively carry a picture than a drivers license because you are carrying a deadly weapon. However, to allow the merchants to simply stay out of the committee hearing and come to the Legislature when the bill has wisely been killed, I think is not a very good procedure for us to follow. This public works committee is like every other committee. It has its ups and it has its downs. This is one of the times when I think it has acted in a glorious fashion, its glory should not be tarnished by doing what Senator Goodrich wants done. I can understand thoroughly any merchant wanting a bill like this because it's convenient for him. If he has problems with people misusing checks, that is a problem for the merchant to deal with. Senator Goodrich knows that commercial paper is a creation of the merchants in the first place. So like Doctor Frankenstein, they have created a monster which has gone into reverse, totally out of control, and now threatens the ones who created it. If they need some method of controlling commercial paper, if that's what a check is. It could be B.F. Goodrich or Goodyear, in some instances, if it's rubber. I hope you understand what I'm talking about. In any case, I don't think it's proper to have a picture on a drivers license. To sum up everything in a nut shell, a drivers license is not a piece of identification, it should not be converted to that function for the merchants, nor for the police officers. I do not think that anybody should be required to carry identification anyway. I don't think it's anybody's business who you are, or the business you're about, so long as you're not in violation of a law. If you reach the point where not having a piece of paper giving your name, date of birth, and social security number, if you reach the point where not having such a piece of paper is a crime, then I think you're verging on what has been called the Police State. This bill has been properly killed